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PRESENCE AT THE SCO SUMMIT

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11. (C) On May 23, poloffs delivered to MFA officials reftel demarche on the implications of Iranian President Ahmadi-Nejad's attendance at the June SCO summit in Shanghai. Aurelia Bouchez, the MFA's DAS-equivalent for Russia and the former Soviet space, told poloff that France did not plan on demarching all SCO members on this issue, but was nonetheless concerned about Ahmadi-Nejad's attendance. Depending on the evolution of Ahmadi-Nejad's schedule, France would consider demarching select members, including Russia, to express concern about giving the Iranian President a public platform. Nevertheless, Bouchez expressed doubt that SCO members would react positively to such a demarche, given that Iran has only observer status within the SCO.

12. (C) Reftel demarche was also delivered to MFA DAS-equivalent for South Asia, Anne Grillo-Nebout, and desk officer for Pakistan and Afghanistan, Cyril Gerardon. Gerardon said that he and Grillo-Nebout would share and discuss the points with MFA officials responsible for Iran and China in determining if and how it would approach South Asian SCO members.

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